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### Valley Candidates For the People

Two Visitacion Valley residents recently announced their candidacy for the County Central Committee Democratic Party, 12th District.

Both Marlene Tran, a local educator, and Ann Williams, a career development specialist, are well known in the neighborhood. Both are members of the Visitacion Valley Task Force.

A teacher for more than 26 years in both the San Francisco Unified School District and at City College, Tran spearheaded an initiative to greatly expand ESL classes in Visitacion Valley.

"I want to be the voice of the people," Tran explained of her desire to actively help residents be involved in a government accessible to them.

A San Francisco resident for more than 50 years, Williams has received numerous awards while working for the federal government, holding titles of BEO Manager, Personnel Specialist, Handicap Program Manager and Career Development Specialist. She currently assists the community through Visitacion Valley Job Education and Training (VVJET) and Dynamic Development Associates, which provides consultation service.

"We need real people to deal with real issues and concerns," said Williams, who wants to be in a position to create change in the structure while being the voice and vehicle of her neighbors.



ESL Instructor Marlene Tran (L) and Ann Williams of VVJET are Visitacion Valley's candidates for the Democratic Central Committee's 12th District election on June 2.

### Ralph, the Giant Slayer

## Garbage Company Meets Nemesis

by Peter Byrne, Editor and Publisher  
San Francisco Investigator

Last spring, Norcal Waste Systems, Inc. was severely wounded in a major battle with neighbors from Little Hollywood, led by retired fire sprinkler installer Ralph Oroquita. San Francisco's major dailies remained deathly silent as David pounded Goliath. Little Hollywood's hard-fought victory was reported only in The Grapevine, a south-east San Francisco community newspaper.

The rest of the City never learned about the humiliating defeat of the giant garbage octopus at the hands of the common man. Let it now be known. Oroquita's stunning triumph saved San Franciscans \$80 million and will prolong the average life span of people who live near the Tunnel Avenue dump. Let it also be known that Norcal Waste Systems, Inc. has seriously fallen down on its job—jeopardizing the quality of our municipal waste removal system.

Norcal Waste Systems, Inc., is an "employee-owned" garbage conglomerate composed of over two dozen refuse collection and recycling companies. On June 25, 1997, Norcal formally withdrew an application to expand operations and to consolidate its scattered recycling facilities onto a single site within its 21-acre Tunnel Avenue dump, which butts up against San Francisco's border with Brisbane. This simple action constituted Norcal's surrender to the 1,400 residents of Little Hollywood.

One reason Norcal applied to expand operations is a requirement of state law that San Francisco recycle fifty percent of our garbage by the year 2000. Accomplishing this goal requires change. Change must be certified as acceptable through the auspices of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Norcal was counting on the environmental review process to rubber-stamp the safety of its expansion; and to justify Norcal's intention to make ratepayers pick up the tab for its business costs.

Norcal's monopoly-sweetheart deal with City Hall means that Norcal never has to risk a dime, or suffer a financial loss. Norcal's inefficiencies are re-

with the expensive application was a precursor to submitting a full-blown Environmental Impact Report. Norcal's preparations for achieving government approval of its expansion plan began in the late 1980s. An exhaustive EIR was required by the state, if Norcal was to expand the privately-owned garbage transfer station and hazardous materials collection facilities at the dump.

State law requires that San Francisco develop the capacity to sort and recycle fifty percent of our garbage by the end of year 2000; but, it is unlikely that the deadline will be met. In 1995, Norcal's newsletter, Talking Trash, reported that approximately 35 percent of the waste stream was being recycled. Two and one-half years later, Norcal reports that approximately 36 percent is recycled.

One of Norcal's problems is that the technology at the Tunnel Avenue dump is not capable of adequately sorting food garbage from trash. Norcal is reluctant to make a capital investment in constructing a state-of-the-art facility; unless, of course, Norcal can convince City Hall to subsidize Norcal's privately-owned venture to an even greater extent than it now does.

Without spending many millions on upgrades, expansions, and consolidations the Garbage 2000 goal cannot be met. Yet, the proto-EIR showed that the Tunnel Avenue dump site is too near a residential neighborhood to safely increase its level of waste sorting activity. Norcal needs more land.

The Little Hollywood Committee for Environmental Justice, Equity, and Compensation recommends that Norcal purchase some of the vast and empty warehouses located in the Central Basin Waterfront area off Third Street. But, Norcal seems more inclined to wait; to avoid large investments; and to jolly the public along with an array of cosmetic "pilot" recycling programs—paid for by the public. The eleven "pilot" programs in place are designed to hide fundamental operating flaws, long-term planning errors, and the unwillingness of Norcal stockholders to capitalize their own company.

When Norcal is inevitably found to be in violation of state recycling law, the "employee-owned" corporation

will turn to San Francisco taxpayers to bail them out, to make sure that not a dime of Norcal's monopoly profits goes to improving equipment and infrastructure, and to gift them with land. Without any competitors to Norcal on the horizon, the garbage company is likely to succeed in this warped with regular rate increases. Even the \$3.8 million cost of Norcal's withdrawn application was picked up by the ratepayers.

The research and analysis associated strategy of blackmailing the consumer

The ramifications of Norcal's proposed expansion were shown to be damaging to the overall environment of San Francisco, and particularly unhealthy for the surrounding residential communities. After Oroquita and Little Hollywood exposed the plan's deficiencies in a series of public meetings—and threatened to file a powerfully just lawsuit—Norcal ditched the multi-million dollar application.

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### St. Luke's Hospital Launches Women's Health Campaign

St. Luke's Hospital has launched a three-month campaign to educate local residents about the availability of comprehensive health services for women of all ages and economic means.

The campaign is the result of a survey of residents in neighborhoods near St. Luke's that showed little recognition of services available at its Women's Center.

"Nearly 30 percent of women surveyed said they didn't realize that as a privately insured, Medi-Cal or Medicare patient they can use our services," explained Duane Oshinomi, director of community relations.

Although the program routinely cares for more than 500 women each week, Oshinomi said many people mistakenly believe their only choice is the county hospital. "We intend to change that through an aggressive education program," he said, noting that "this is just the first in a series of in-

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## Organizers Want Towers Implosion Part of Neighborhood Day Weekend

Organizers for Visitacion Valley's upcoming Neighborhood Day told Task Force members Mar. 28 they would like to see the impending implosion of Geneva Towers take place the same weekend as the May 16 community event.

With both 20-story structures now stripped down to bare concrete and nearly ready to be planted with explosives, speculation is great for having a dual celebration. Both events are taking place one block from each other on Schwerin Street. With a motto to "Start late and finish early," Neighborhood Day will be replacing the community's annual Street Festival, while the forthcoming Geneva Towers implosion—one of the most anticipated Valley occurrences in decades—will finally relieve a neighborhood of small family structures from the shadows of two out-of-place skyscrapers.

Implosion contractors have already stated that demolition would take place on an early Sunday morning when the least number of residents would be impacted.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A Membership Committee of the Visitacion Valley Task Force (VVTF) on Mar. 5 expanded the number of available VVTF seats from 21 to 26. Residents will continue to hold 14 seats in seven sub areas, but businesses will be cut from four seats to three. Churches and Community Based Organizations will now each be allotted three seats with Schools now getting two positions. Three new Community at Large seats will only be valid if all other seats are filled.

### VVJET EVALUATION

Ann Williams of Visitacion Valley Job Education and Training (VVJET) presented a thorough report of her organization's operations. Based at the Village on Schwerin Street, the purpose of VVJET is to decrease crime and violence through employment. Candidates are helped to train for interviews through simulations on how

to speak at an interview. VVJET now has a database of almost 2,000 applicants.

### NEW BYLAWS

VVTF members agreed to move the date of review for the organization's new bylaws to May 23.

### ANOTHER GREAT SWEEP

Jay Smith of the Mayor's Office of Community Development (MOCD) announced that a second Great Sweep would occur in San Francisco on Saturday, May 9. Hundreds of bags of trash were gathered locally by residents and merchants during the City's successful first event last fall, encouraging a repeat event this spring.

### APRIL MEETING POSTPONED

VVTF members voted to postpone their regularly scheduled meeting for April 25 so its members can attend Community Boards training that day to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at VVCC. Next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 10:30 a.m. at the Community Center gymnasium, 50 Raymond Ave.

## Visitacion Valley Park Clubhouse To be Demolished

Demolition is scheduled to begin Apr. 13 on the clubhouse located at the northeast corner of Visitacion Valley Playground.

Removal of the structure was deemed necessary to prepare the area for a new playground and clubhouse.

Long a graffiti-covered eyesore following its closure years ago, the small one-story structure will take approximately five days to dismantle by contractor Bluewater Environmental.

Work hours will be between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Street parking adjacent to the clubhouse will not be allowed until demolition is completed. Sidewalks along the clubhouse will be temporarily closed.

## Two Nations in Contrast

In this second report of his travels, Grapevine reporter Gerry L. Galvan visited both Australia and the Philippines, his native country where he admits of his critical findings, "Truth has to be exposed, no matter how painful."

by Gerry L. Galvan

Although still a relatively untouched continent, Australia has demonstrated, in recent months, a determination to change from decades of commonwealth rule to an independent republic.

Political leaders, including Prime Minister John Howard, had debated the issue for some time. An Australian shift from commonwealth to a republic means the collapse of Great Britain's political and economic control over the "continent" way down below the equator.

In direct contrast, the Republic of the Philippines appears to have seriously deteriorated from a first class Asian country.

Such was the impression of your reporter who visited and stayed 120 hours in Sydney and 408 hours in the Philippines this year from Jan. 21 to Feb. 12.

The 22-day trip provided my wife and I with a considerable comparison of how exemplary Australia has grown compared to a rapid backslide the Philippines have experienced in recent years. While Australia, one of the U.S. allies in the Western World, had thrown her timid and cautious support to President Bill Clinton's quarrel with Iraq's Saddam Hussein (We were in Sydney when we read of Clinton's "urgent" telephone call to Mr. Howard), the Philippines, a longtime U.S. sidekick in the Far East, has all but shied away from this volatile issue save for puns and jokes by Manila newspapermen, where columnists instead found the recent Clinton sex scandal a much bigger story.

Violet and I had made this memorable and experience-laden trip primarily to attend the 50th anniversary of her class (1948) graduation



Grapevine reporter Gerry L. Galvan and wife, Violet took a moment from sightseeing to greet an Australian native.

from high school. Aging '48ers celebrated the occasion in Balan-kas, Santo Tomas, Pampanga, a town some 45 miles north of metropolitan Manila.

Side trips to Surigao del Sur, in Mindanao, Southern Philippines, and to Sydney, Australia were extras that swelled our travel budget considerably. It was costly to our meager resources as well as our health, with both my wife and I very sick upon returning to the U.S. even though we had taken precautionary health measures before our initial departure.

Our experience in Metro Manila, followed by Surigao and later Australia proved to be educational and traumatic at the same time. We witnessed a seemingly rapid deterioration in the Filipino people's economic condition along with ethical and moral values. By the same token, Australia demonstrated a tremendous economic potential maturity.

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## Grapevine Mailbox



### What Disc Golf Club Wanted to Accomplish

Following is a letter sent Mar. 5, 1998 to Marvin Yee, project manager at S.F. Recreation and Parks Department from Ross Hammond on the S.F. Disc Golf Club.

Dear Marvin

I am writing to let the Department know that the San Francisco Disc Golf Club, at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on March 2nd, voted to withdraw its proposal for a disc golf course at John McLaren Park, effective immediately.

Last August the Club approached the Department about whether the idea of a disc golf course in McLaren was feasible and was informed about the proposed process. Over the next few months, we met with community groups and physical education instructors, and addressed a community safety meeting concerning McLaren Park. During our time in the park designing the proposed course, we also spoke with a number of regular park users. Based on the responses we received over these several months, which ranged from neutral to extremely positive, the next step in the process was to present the proposal to the community-at-large. The first community

meeting in December was mainly positive except for the sentiment that public outreach had been woefully inadequate. Accordingly, another meeting was scheduled for February 8th, preceded by a series of course walk-throughs.

We (the Club) were under the impression that the purpose of the second were under the impression that the purpose of the second meeting was to receive more feedback from the community on our proposal. We assumed that there would be many questions about the game and the specifics of our proposal and that we would then come back at a later time with a revised proposal which incorporated the community's concerns and suggestions. However, it was apparent as soon as the meeting started that a significant number of people in attendance thought the course was going to be railroaded through without their involvement or input. We saw disc golf suddenly transformed from an inexpensive game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages into a lightning rod for the frustration and distrust felt by some of the residents in McLaren immediate neighborhood. They believe that the City has systematically neglected the park in a manner befitting its unique beauty and importance as San Francisco's second largest park. They also felt that the City does not adequately consult with them over changes to the park which will most affect them as the park's closest neighbors.

The Feb. 8th meeting was so disruptive, and dialogue so impossible, that a substantive discussion of the proposal could not be achieved. There were significant misconceptions about both the game and the specifics of our proposal which we were unable to address given the volatile nature of the meeting. Major elements of our proposal never got mentioned or, if they did, got lost in all the anger. We had hoped to explain that a disc golf course would not interfere with dog walking or other park uses and that any final layout would have safety and environmental protection as its primary concerns. We attempted to point that out, out of respect for the other priorities of the park, we were willing to raise the bulk of the project costs for this very inexpensive recreational investment. In response to suggestions from members of the community, we had wanted to emphasize that a course would not be installed until problems with the park's bathrooms were fixed, that tee pads would be made of woodchips rather than concrete or asphalt, and that additional trash cans would be placed along the course.

We were also rather stunned by some of the misinformation concerning what disc golf course involves and would have liked an opportunity to address that as well. Some of the more incredible notions included that golf discs are made of metal, that the fairways would be paved, that dog walking would be restricted or banned, that there would be 1,000 additional cars in the park every day, that property values would plummet, that tournaments would draw 15,000 people, and that trees would be destroyed. Meanwhile, the signed letters of support from PE teachers and community groups, and the written testimony of many other parks departments (all of whom have had extremely positive experiences with disc golf courses), did not seem to matter. Nor did the report from the Department Natural Areas Director stating that the course would have minimal environmental impact on McLaren natural areas. It was as if two completely different meetings on two completely different

topics were taking place.

In the future, we hope that the Parks Department will implement as quickly as possible those park improvements that have been approved and budgeted for. The park—and the neighborhood—deserve no less. Should other viable proposals for McLaren Park be brought forward in the future, we would also ask that the Recreation and Parks Department make it a point to clearly explain the purpose and process of community meetings so that residents do not perceive that they are simply being asked to rubber stamp projects that have already been approved. In the meantime, the Club will continue to work with those organizations and individuals in the community committed to protecting the park and organizing positive activities for young people.

The members of the San Francisco Disc Golf Club remain as committed to Disc Golf today as the day in August when we first contacted the Department. We know that disc golf is fun, inexpensive, healthy and an environmentally friendly game that can be enjoyed by City residents of all ages, abilities, and incomes. We will continue to share our enthusiasm for this great game with physical education instructors, youth centers, and other interested individuals and organizations throughout the City.

Sincerely,

Ross Hammond  
S.F. Disc Golf Club

To me, we had more good times than bad ones. It's just that as soon as something bad happened, that's all people talked about. We never had a chance to show how good we were, and every time we invited other people from other places and communities, most of the time it was just the "Tower Family" that came. We will remember all of these things and they are now a part of our heritage—the legacy we carry to our new Heritage Homes!

Respectfully,  
Missy Raglin

### Compost and Worm Bins at Earth Day

A revolutionary new worm bin made of post consumer recycled money from Australia (no typo—their bills are made of plastic, and they turn the old ones into compost bins) and the famed Earth Machine backyard composter will be available to City residents during a one-day event sponsored by the San Francisco Recycling Program.

Both the *Wriggly Branch* worm bin and the *Earth Machine* backyard composter will be available to San Francisco residents at the subsidized rate of \$19.50 (80 percent below retail cost) on April 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Goodman Lumber parking lot, 445 Bayshore Blvd.

The compost bins are part of SLUG's home composting initiative aimed at reducing the vast amount of organic waste (fruit, vegetable and yard trimmings) going to the landfill. More than 11,000 bins have already been distributed to local residents, and the City has a goal to distribute 10,000 more before the millennium.

"Home composting is taking off across the planet," said Carl Grimm, SLUG's education director. "People see how much it helps their gardens grow and saves them on their garbage bills."

In this country alone, cities and counties in nearly every state have home composting programs. "It is one of the most ecological and economical ways to keep material out of our landfills."

### How Recycling Reduces Global Warming

by David Assmann

Public Outreach Coordinator,  
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As the memory of El Niño gradually fades into spring and summer, it may be tempting to think that the bad weather is behind us and that we can't do anything about the weather anyway. However, that's not entirely true. The record world temperatures over the last 12 years, the unprecedented weather events like the severe tornadoes in Florida in February and the increasing number of hurricanes and other severe weather events are actually part of a pattern—that of global warming. And most scientists agree that global warming is mainly caused by human activities, through the production of greenhouse gases.

What does this have to do with recycling? Even though the primary source of greenhouse gases is the burning of fossil fuels for activities such as generating electricity and driving cars, garbage production also produces these gases.

There are three ways that garbage is connected with the production of greenhouse gases. The first is through energy consumption associated with making, transporting, and using the material or product that ends up in the garbage. This involves the burning of fossil fuels, which creates greenhouse gases. The second is through non-energy related manufacturing emissions, such as the carbon dioxide released when limestone is converted to lime for aluminum and steel manufacturing. The third is methane emissions from landfills. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas that is created when garbage decomposes.

Since energy consumption, manufacturing emissions and the volume of garbage deposited in landfills can be reduced through recycling and waste prevention, reducing the amount of garbage we produce helps reduce the problem of global warming.

The U.S. Climate Change Action Plan, issued by President Clinton after the 1992 International Earth Summit, called for a 108 million metric ton reduction in the production of green-

house gases. To put this into perspective, this is equivalent to taking 83 million cars off the road. Since that's not likely to happen, the plan calls for 50 different initiatives to reduce the production of greenhouse gases. One of these initiatives calls for accelerated waste prevention and recycling. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimated that nationwide waste prevention and recycling efforts could reduce annual emissions by more than 5.5 million metric tons a year. This is as effective in reducing emissions as taking more than 4 million cars off the road.

San Francisco residents can help this nationwide effort through increased recycling and waste prevention efforts. We're already playing an important role. Last year, we kept more than 70 million pounds of greenhouse gases out of the air through our paper recycling efforts alone. However, we could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by another 55 million pounds if we recycled just 50 percent of the paper we still throw into the trash.

Similarly, if we recycled half the aluminum and steel cans and the plastic bottles we still throw away we could reduce greenhouse gases by another 10 million pounds.

Every individual effort helps us solve this global environmental problem. For example, for every pound of aluminum cans you recycle, you keep 4 pounds of greenhouse gases out of our atmosphere.

Another way you can help is by composting your food scraps. If you have a back yard, or an outdoor area for a compost bin, it's an easy way to help the environment and produce a good soil amendment that can be used as fertilizer for a garden or house plants.

On Saturday April 25th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the San Francisco Recycling Program, in cooperation with the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG), will be selling \$100 compost bins for only \$19.50. The sale, which is on a first come, first served basis, will be held at Goodman Lumber at 445 Bayshore Blvd. We'll also be selling worm bins that can be used in small spaces. These will be sold for the same price.

Each bin comes with a free composting book, and staff will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate the use of the bins at the sale. In addition, there are free workshops held in various locations throughout the City to show residents how easy it is to compost. We also provide free brochures and other literature on composting. For more information on the sale, the free workshops or to receive free literature, call SLUG at 285-7585.

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## Two Nations In Contrast

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Our trip also left indelible memories on geographical beauty and contrast. Compared to the Philippines, a group of 7,021 small islands, Australia is a huge and awesome piece of real estate. But the former is as beautiful, if not far superior, in terms of scenic splendor.

As a nation, Australia has barely a century of meaningful existence, while the Philippines can boast nearly 600 years of contact with the outside world. Australia, where almost everyone has some form of profitable employment, is not a haven for beggars as few, if any, are tolerated there. This land of kangaroos and koalas, wallabies and quails is prosperous and on her way to compete with the best in the Western World. Meanwhile the Philippines, can only boast of citizens who vied among themselves in making politics and public office a silly game.

Violet and I were traveling as "Bahkbayans" on Philippine Airlines in all the trips that took us to and from Manila, Surigao del Sur and Sydney.

Again visiting my country of birth could have been described in such glowing terms as "truly wonderful," and "heavenly," with other high sounding platitudes such as "incomparably exciting features of a progressive country," but we never saw it that way. During a visit we made in Jan. 1995, I had become disappointed by Philippine customs bureau personnel, airport gate hustlers, and ever-present beggars.

Traffic there in 1998, however, was better than 1995, with the volume on main thoroughfares and side streets reduced through color coding, a newly adopted system banning all motor vehicles carrying certain plate numbers on certain days.

Although the U.S. dollar has for some time commanded \$1 to 40 pesos in the Philippines, we found ourselves trying very hard to stretch travel money. It seemed that everything, including doleouts to street urchins, was atrociously expensive.

One day as my wife and I were getting ready to travel, a young boy of maybe seven or eight years approached me for money. When I handed him a peso, he looked at the coin demurely. When asked if he realized how much was given him he shot back with, "Piso?" He obviously was unhappy with the amount I had given him. Now during the late 1960s when my family and I were still living in the country, a Philippine peso was more than enough for three quality haircuts. But in 1998, its quite apparent that such an amount means almost nothing.

And now it also seems that just about everybody has become politically inclined. It was disheartening to hear a report that more than 240 presidential candidates had filed their certificates of candidacy for President of the Philippines. Weeks later when we returned to the U.S. in mid-February, the number had been reduced to 83 serious candidates. Jose L. Guevarra of the *Manila Daily Bulletin*, writing in his paper's Feb. 12 issue, punned, "...There are many presidential candidates, 8 are classified as serious and the rest delirious..." Guevarra also referred to the upcoming May 11 Philippine polls as "the wackiest election in history."

Jetting into Sydney midday on Feb. 5, my wife and I already knew we wouldn't have the convenience of having someone who could direct us around town, perhaps like Willen Janz from the Netherlands, who had originally explored Australia along the eastern shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria in 1606. Rediscovered by the Dutch in 1642, James Cook of Great Britain set foot on the continent in 1770 before the kingdom finally claimed it her colony in 1788.



Gerry L. Galvan (r) visited with the pastor and officials of the Cantilian Gospel Church.



Gerry and Violet took in an Australian amusement park in Sydney.



Passengers squeezed onto a Surigao del Sur bus in the Philippines.



Halfway to the bottom of Blue Mountain in Australia.



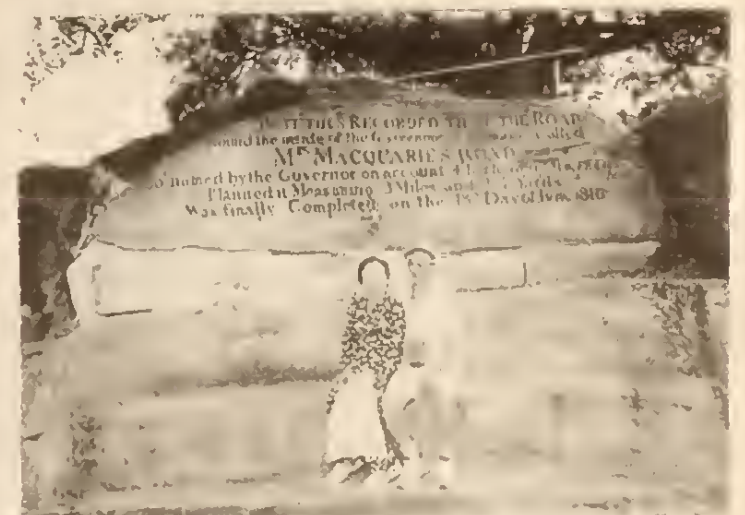
Group discussion of Church leaders in the Philippines.



Strolling along the Sydney River.



Gerry and Fred, a tour driver at Blue Mountain in Australia.



Resting at the "Porch" along an Australian tour.

Photos: Gerry L. Galvan

Although I have a niece living in Australia and teaching chemical engineering in one of the country's universities, we failed to get her address from her sisters in the Philippines. We had earlier declined an offer from relatives of a fellow Church member to pick us up from our hotel and be their house guests.

Relying heavily on an Australian magazine which I borrowed from my daughter-in-law, one interesting piece led to other pertinent aspects of Sydney. One example was the name and phone number of a Sydney hotel where we stayed. An overseas phone call from San Francisco to the hotel led to such information as the availability of buses that charge six Australian dollars for an airport-to-hotel trip. Settling at the hotel later, we received valuable information on where to go, what form of transportation to take, where to catch buses, and the like.

One of the things I really wanted to see and be near was a kangaroo, which we experienced in the wild-life section of our tour. This pouched creature was one of the many unique animals we saw.

For a balanced tour of the area, we took the Sydney Explorer, an economical and highly efficient tour bus system charging 32 Australian dollars each for a 12-hour excursion to 22 local attractions. Arrival and departure at the designated spots was almost always on precision clock time. During the tour, we encountered a Filipino-Australian who was a driver on one of six Explorer buses.

In our trip to the Blue Mountains, we boarded a chartered bus a few blocks from our hotel. Our driver, who identified himself as "Frederick or Fred," guided us during our Blue Mountain tour which we started down 170 kilometers from sea level, returning to ground lev-

el on board a train that ascended a 58 degree rail. Some of the passengers of Fred's bus elected to stair-up back instead. We later boarded a ferryboat that navigated the Sydney River.

Monetary exchange in Australia is fair and equitable. During our stay, the U.S. dollar commanded 1.38 Australian dollars. Hotel rates ranged from 13 to 1,300 Australian dollars per guest for a 24-hour stay.

Australian restaurants and businesses charge no tax on purchases as the government derives its revenues from amusement and entertainment establishments. Cattle and sheep are the chief industry in Australia, with beef, its by-products, and wool the principal exports.

Australian media is more liberal than the U.S. and other countries in its freedom, with newsmen writing stories on government officials in a no holds barred fashion.

Predominantly a Christian nation, my wife and I attended St. John Evangelist Church right across from our hotel on Darlinghurst Boulevard, later joining Church members for conversation in the garden. Most friendly was one Paul Eagan.

While in the Philippines, we had noticed an enthusiasm towards a revival of Church involvement. In Catillan, Surigao del Sur, a small town where we spent a few days, one church group related that at least 13 theological denominations were in force.

Meanwhile in Metro Manila, Carlos Abaya and his wife Monina have played a big role in "opening the eyes" of fellow persons to truth via the Bible. A certified public accountant working for a large business corporation, Rev. Mr. Abaya, was receiving no compensation pay from his church, the *Jesus Lives Christian Ministry*.







# Unclogging the City's Streets

by Mayor Willie L. Brown

Improving traffic flow for Muni and creating a safe environment for pedestrians is not a one-time issue—these are things we must accomplish on an ongoing basis. To that end, I have directed those city departments involved with improving traffic circulation on City streets to build into their day-to-day operations a major, comprehensive traffic control program.

The goal of this "Unclog the Streets" program is to ease street congestion in San Francisco. This will enable Muni to get riders to their destinations in a timely manner, and will improve the quality of life for everyone in the City—pedestrians, bicyclists, and those drivers who adhere to sensible traffic rules.

The program identifies six areas that will improve Muni's efficiency. These include

## 1. Keep Intersections Clear

The San Francisco Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT), and the Public Transportation Department (Muni) have identified key intersections to be controlled by fixed post traffic personnel during the critical afternoon commute times (3-7 p.m.).

During these hours, Muni gets backed up because private automobiles regularly block intersections, preventing busses from moving through their routes. Parking Control Officers (PCOs) will be assigned to these intersections, particularly along Market Street, keeping "the box" clear to help Muni keep its schedule.

The "Don't Block the Box" program began February 23 with the deployment of 20 PCOs at the intersection of First through Eighth Streets on Market during the afternoon commute. The penalty for "blocking the box" ranges from \$50 to \$136. The DPT will hire 60 new Parking Control Officers and five senior PCOs to expand this program, and will place signs at intersections to remind drivers not to "block the box."

Additionally, senior PCOs will rove up and down Market Street during the afternoon commute to discourage double parking and monitor the fixed post traffic control at the key intersections. Street supervision will allow for immediate response to changing traffic conditions and will ensure the program is working.

## 2. Double Parking

For the first time in DPT's history, PCOs will be assigned to ride Muni buses. A PCO will jump off a bus to cite a double-parked vehicle, then catch the next bus and move down the line. The City will target lines that go through neighborhood commercial areas, such as the Mission, Chinatown, the Marina, Irving Street, the Haight, and others. The advantage of having PCOs ride a Muni line is that the potential double-parker will not know when a PCO is on board—which could mean that when a Muni vehicle appears behind you, a PCO will exit the bus and cite your vehicle.

DPT will also create "Community Service" squads of PCOs to travel neighborhood commercial areas where Muni lines exist to enforce commercial loading (yellow) zones, meter feeding violations, and double parking. DPT forwarded legislation to the Board of Supervisors to expand their commercial loading zone towing program into the neighborhood commercial districts.

The DPT Commission is also looking to raise fines. Currently, the fine for double parking is \$50 and could be raised as high as \$100. Illegal parking in commercial loading zones could be raised from \$25 to \$100. The Commission will also be considering the introduction of 15-minute parking meters in certain neighborhood commercial areas to encourage parking turnover.

## 3. Bus Zones and Diamond Lanes

While DPT expands its general enforcement effort to turn over commercial loading zones, they will continue to cite (\$250) and/or tow from bus zones. The San Francisco Police De-

partment, working with Parking and Traffic, will keep diamond transit lanes clear.

## 4. Coordinate Street Construction

The Department of Public Works recently established a Utility Coordination Center designed to coordinate all street construction work. All future work will be coordinated by DPW, and reviewed by DPW and Muni, with an emphasis on keeping traffic moving.

DPW will also change its policy regarding the amount of time a contractor has to complete road work on any given project. Right now, the contractor has a window of six months to begin work once they have obtained their permit. DPW will require start and end dates for all construction activity. Contractors with multiple job sites will be required to complete each job in a timely manner.

## 5. Red Light Enforcement and Other Police Activities

The SFPD will immediately increase enforcement of red light running throughout the City. The Police Department will also back up DPT's enforcement of "blocking the box" violations. The SFPD will integrate into its existing Bus Inspection Program (BIP) the ability to step off the Muni vehicle and cite double parked cars and trucks as well as vehicles parked in bus zones. Police will be active in enforcing diamond lanes for transit vehicles only.

## 6. Pedestrian Safety and Driver Cooperation

Enforcement will be key for auto traffic in order to make these programs work. However, education is important for pedestrian safety. Pedestrians should feel safe when crossing with the light, but they need to do their part and not cross against the crosswalk

signal.

A public awareness campaign will begin to inform citizens of these programs with a major emphasis on pedestrian and driver cooperation, crosswalk rules, red light jumping, diamond transit lanes, and commercial loading (yellow) zones.

It's important that San Franciscans work together on this "Unclog the Streets" program. Together we can create a safer, less congested city—one where our public transportation vehicles have the opportunity to run on time. We can all do our part to help Muni meet its schedule.

## Valley Will Remember Luman C. Drake

Visitation Valley neighbors were saddened to learn of the Feb. 6 death of Luman C. Drake, 64, a Brisbane environmentalist who fought for decades against development of San Bruno Mountain. He also opposed adjacent garbage company expansion and a threatening proposal in the late 1970s to install a nearby incinerator for the burning of trash.

A friend of the Community Center and its founder, Florence Friedman, Drake is remembered by one local resident as "a leader in the true sense. Many friends knew him and loved him."

## Witnesses Shocked By Sunnydale Killing

Sunnydale residents on Blythdale Avenue were shocked to witness the murder of a man on Mar. 31 as he was getting into his car.

Charles Hines, 27, was gunned down shortly before 4 p.m. by unidentified assailants who then sped away in a dark-colored vehicle.

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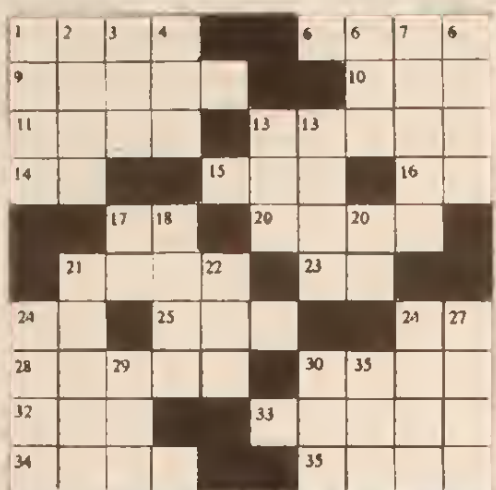
- 1 It's not that I'm afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens
- 2 "I always turn to the sports section first. The sports page records people's accomplishments, the front page has nothing but man's failures"
- 3 To apologize is to lay the foundation for a future offense"
- 4 For nothing can seem foul to those that win
- 5 Necessity never makes a good bargain

- 6 The other teams could make trouble for us if they win"
- 7 "Please accept my resignation. I don't care to belong to any club that will have me as a member"
- 8 "Wit is educated insolence"
- 9 "Fools make research and wise men exploit them"
- A William Shakespeare
- B H.G. Wells
- C Benjamin Franklin
- D Woody Allen
- E Aristotle
- F Yogi Berra
- G Earl Warren
- H Groucho Marx
- I Ambrose Bierce

Answers: 1-D, 2-G, 3-I, 4-A, 5-C, 6-F, 7-I, 8-F, 9-B

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  7. Fish
  10. Gun club
  11. Grouch
  12. Alter
  13. Made of
  15. Spool
  16. Saint
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  19. Hander
  21. Money
  23. Ed
  24. Virginia
  25. Brown
  26. District
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  28. Mouth
  30. Nova
  32. Place
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  34. Plant
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  8. Sour
  12. Land
  13. Molecule
  17. 17 across
  18. Italian town
  20. Father
  21. Frank
  22. Computer in 2001
  24. Broad
  26. Scurry
  27. Spare
  29. Route
  30. City
  31. Digit



## This Month in S.F. History

### APRIL

1. In 1850, a four-story building at the corner of Pacific and Kearny Sts. was purchased for \$150,000 by the City for its new town hall. On the same day, San Francisco's county government was established. In 1851, Montgomery Street became the City's first illuminated thoroughfare, with street lights funded by property owners' contributions.
3. In 1848, the first American public school in San Francisco opened. In 1969, the final stunken section of the BART trans-bay tube was completed.
7. In 1957, sections of two former cable car routes were combined to form the new Powell & Hyde Sts. line.
10. In 1878, Adolph Sutro commenced operation of his steam railroad.
11. In 1958, Brooks Hall, a sub-surface anti-tornum adjacent to the Civic Center Plaza, was dedicated.
12. In 1898, the bulk of Yerba Buena Island was transferred by the U.S. Army to the Navy.
14. In 1860, after a series of relays from St. Joseph, Missouri, the first pony express delivery arrived in San Francisco.
15. In 1850, the City of San Francisco was incorporated. In 1926, the Visitation Valley branch gymnasium of the S.F. Boys Club was officially dedicated. In 1966, dredging opera-

tions were commenced in San Francisco Bay for the sectional placement of the trans-bay tube.

18. In 1868, the San Francisco branch of the SPCA was established. In 1906, a powerful earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 8.25 on the later established Richter scale shook San Francisco at 5:12 a.m. for nearly a minute. Ruptured gas and water lines contributed to the worst fire in the City's history. In 1907, the Fairmont Hotel was opened.

19. In 1850, the British brig Warlock arrived in San Francisco bringing the first Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong. In 1852, the California Historical Society was incorporated. In 1906, in the aftermath of the earthquake, 176 prisoners were transferred to the military prison on Alcatraz from the City's damaged jail.

20. In 1958, after decades of service, including 20 years running on the Bay Bridge's lower deck, Key System trains were replaced by buses.

21. In 1892, the first buffalo was born in Golden Gate Park. In 1940, the eventual General Douglas MacArthur Tunnel in the Presidio was opened.

25. In 1945, the newly created United Nations began its first conference in San Francisco.

28. In 1854, Howard & Hudson Co. published the City's first Chinese language newspaper, the bilingual Golden Hills' News, to serve California's 25,000 new readers from the Orient.

Wilson High School Mar. 18 in the second of eight budget meetings in eight San Francisco neighborhoods.

\*Two assemblies were held Feb. 25 at Visitation Valley Elementary School to celebrate accomplishments of African Americans and their accomplishments.

\*El Dorado Elementary School's student council began studying Roberts' Rules of Order to sharpen their meeting skills.

\*New Job Club programs began in six S.F. neighborhoods, including Visitation Valley.

\*Church of the Visitation sponsored a community meeting Apr. 3 on police presence and safety in Visitation Valley.

## FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE GRAPEVINE

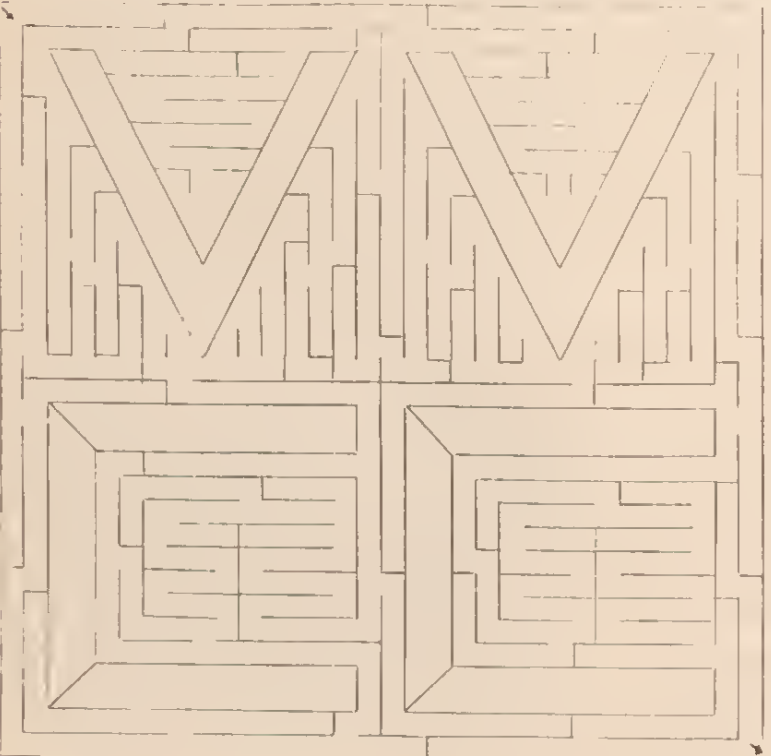
### APRIL 1973

\*Special awards, good food and live music were highlights of the 75th Anniversary Visitation Valley Community Center (VVCC) Potluck Dinner held Mar. 13 in the gymnasium.

\*State Senator Milton Marks and wife Carolene presented VVCC with a plaque honoring the institution's 75th anniversary.

\*Mayor Frank Jordan and his economic team brought financial news to

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## Magazines in America

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| American Health          | Elks                 | Life                | Parents            | Sunset                     |
| American Hunter          | Elle                 | Mad                 | PC Magazine        | Teen                       |
| American Rifleman        | Endless Vacation     | Mademoiselle        | PC World           | Tennis                     |
| Architectural Digest     | Esquire              | Mature Outlook      | People             | Time                       |
| Argosy                   | Essence              | McCall's            | Playboy            | Travel and Leisure         |
| Better Homes and Gardens | Family Circle        | Men's Health        | Popular Mechanics  | True Story                 |
| Bon Appetit              | Family Handyman      | Midwest Living      | Popular Science    | TV Guide                   |
| Boy's Life               | Field and Stream     | Money               | Prevention         | Us                         |
| Business Week            | Fortune              | Motorland           | Reader's Digest    | U.S. News and World Report |
| Car and Driver           | Glamour              | Motor Trend         | Redbook            | Vanity Fair                |
| Consumer's Digest        | Golf                 | Nation              | Rolling Stone      | VFW                        |
| Cooking Light            | Golf Digest          | National Geographic | Scouting           | Victoria                   |
| Cosmopolitan             | Good Housekeeping    | National Review     | Self               | Vogue                      |
| Country Home             | Gourmet              | Nation's Business   | Sesame Street      | Weight Watchers            |
| Country Living           | Health               | Newweek             | Seventeen          | Weekly Standard            |
| Discover                 | Home                 | New Woman           | Shape              | Woman's Day                |
| Ebony                    | Jet                  | New Yorker          | Smithsonian        | Woman's World              |
| Entertainment Weekly     | Kiplinger's          | Omni                | Soap Opera Digest  | Workbench                  |
|                          | Ladies' Home Journal | Outdoor Life        | Spin               | Working Woman              |
|                          |                      | Parenting           | Sport              | Yankee                     |
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## Historic Proportions

Match clues to answers.

1973

- 1 He resigns in shame on Oct. 10
- 2 This became the first American commercial product sold in the USSR.
- 3 Best Drama Series at the Emmy Awards on May 20.
- 4 A little grid was developed but now it won't go away
- 5 After June 30, this is history
- 6 Best Picture at the Academy Awards on Mar. 27
- 7 But this movie was the top money-maker
- 8 They won the World Series
- 9 Baseball pennant winners with history's worst regular season record
- 10 This is finally signed on Jan. 23
- 11 On Jan. 28, Buddy Ehsen is Jed no more.
12. He was singing about Time in a Bottle.

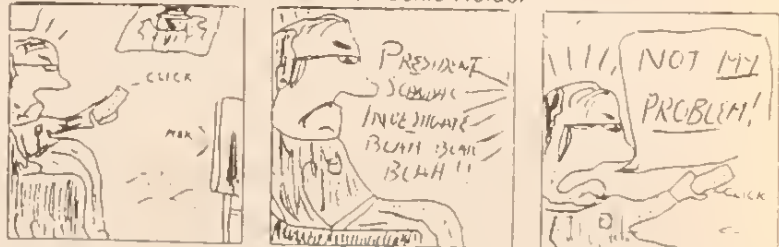
- 13 They're the Super Bowl champs
- 14 On Sept. 23, he's again the top man in Argentina
15. A new Vice-President for the U.S. on Dec. 6
- 16 They're the NBA champs
- 17 A \$25 million bonanza, this movie was shot in 25 days for \$750,000.
- 18 She won a Grammy as Best New Artist

- A Vietnam Peace Agreement  
B Universal product code  
C New York Mets  
D Vice-President Spiro Agnew  
E Barnaby Jones  
F Juan Peron

- G The Poseidon Adventure  
H American Graffiti  
I New York Knicks  
J Bette Midler  
K Miami Dolphins  
L The Waltons  
M The Godfather  
N Pepsi  
O Jim Croce  
P The Draft  
Q Oakland Athletics  
R Gerald Ford

Answers: 1-D, 2-N, 3-L, 4-B, 5-P, 6-M, 7-G, 8-Q, 9-C, 10-A, 11-E, 12-F, 13-K, 14-F, 15-R, 16-I, 17-H, 18-J

## BUMP, THE GRUMP By Jackie Holder








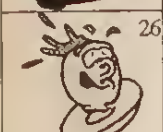
## Famous Birthdays

### APRIL

- 1 Lon Chaney (1883), Hans Conried (1915), Ab MacGraw (1938), Jane Powell (1926), Debbie Reynolds (1932), Otto von Bismarck (1875), Ronnie Lane (1946), Max Von Sydow (1929), Sheb Wooley (1921)
- 2 Dana Carvey (1955), Mikhail Gorbachev (1931), Charlemagne (742), Buddy Ehsen (1908), Alec Guinness (1914), Emmett Harns (1948), Clint Howard (1959), Harold Lloyd (1893), Pamela Reed (1953), Leon Russell (1941), Jack Webb (1920)
- 3 Alec Baldwin (1958), Jan Berry (1941), Madon Brando (1924), Dorris Day (1924), Ivan Dixon (1931), Jennie Garth (1972), Gus Grissom (1926), George Jessel (1898), Eddie Murphy (1961), Wayne Newton (1942), Tony Orlando (1944)
- 4 Bea Benaderet (1906), Robert Downey, Jr. (1965), Arthur Murray (1895), Craig T. Nelson (1946), John Cameron Swayze (1906)
- 5 Bette Davis (1908), Frank Gorshin (1934), Arthur Haley (1920), Michael Monratty (1942), Gregory Peck (1916), Gale Storm (1922), Spencer Tracy (1900), Booker T. Washington (1856)
- 6 Walter Huston (1884), Michelle Phillips (1944), Lowell Thomas (1892), Billie D. Williams (1937)
- 7 Francis Ford Coppola (1939), James Garner (1928), Janis Ian (1957), John Oates (1948), Wayne Rogers (1933), Ravi Shankar (1920), Bert Wheeler (1895), Walter Winchell (1897)
- 8 Patricia Arquette (1968), Betty Ford (1918), Sherry Greene (1926), Sonja Henie (1912), Julian Lennon (1963), Duane McBan (1941), Edward Mulhane (1923), Mary Pickford (1893)
- 9 Ward Bond (1904), Hugh Hefner (1925), Michael Learned (1939), Nikola Lenin (1870), Carl Perkins (1932), Dennis Quaid (1954), Avery Schreiber (1935)
- 10 John Maddert (1936), Harry Morgan (1915), Joseph Pulitzer (1847), Steven Segal (1951), Brian Setzer (1960), Omar Sharif (1932)
- 11 Stuart Adamson (1958), Joel Grey (1932), Louise Lasser (1939), Cameron Mitchell (1918)
- 12 David Cassidy (1950), Henry Clay (1777), Shannon Doherty (1971), Herbie Hancock (1940), David Letterman (1947), Ann Miller (1918), Ed O'Neill (1946), Tiny Tim (1922), Jane Withers (1926)
- 13 Don Adams (1926), Jack Casady (1944), Tony Dow (1945), Al Green (1946), John Hancock (1721), Thomas Jefferson (1743), Rick Schroder (1970), Lyle Waggoner (1935)
- 14 Ruthe Blackmore (1945), Julie Christie (1940), Buddy Knox (1933), Loretta Lynn (1932), Anthony Perkins (1932), Pete Rose (1942), Rod Steiger (1928)
- 15 Roy Clark (1922), Leonardo da Vinci (1452), Elizabeth Montgomery (1933), Peter Ustinov (1921)
- 16 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1947), Edie Adams (1929), Claude Chaplin (1889), Henry Mancini (1924), Gerry Rafferty (1947), Bill Spooner (1949), Dixie Springfield (1939), Bobby Vinton (1935)
- 17 Boomer Esiason (1961), William Holden (1918), Nikita Khrushchev (1894), Arthur Lake (1905), Harry Reasoner (1923), Pete Shelley (1955)
- 18 James Drury (1934), Barbara Hale (1922), Dorothy Lyman (1947), Pigmatt Madharn (1904), Hayley Mills (1946), Rick Moranis (1953), Conan O'Brien (1963)
- 19 Tim Curry (1946), Elinor Donahue (1937), Jayne Mansfield (1932), Dudley Moore (1935), Ehot Ness (1903), Hugh O'Brien (1930), Alan Pnce (1941), Dick Sargent (1933), Mark Volman (1947)
- 20 Adolph Hitler (1889), Jessica Lange (1949), Don Mattingly (1961), Ryan O'Neal (1941), Luther Vandross (1951)
- 21 Tony Danza (1950), Queen Elizabeth II (1926), Charles Grodin (1925), Pat LaPointe (1949), Elaine May (1932), Iggy Pop (1947), Anthony Quinn (1915), Robert Smith (1959)
- 22 Eddie Albert (1915), Joseph Bottoms (1954), Glenn Campbell (1936), Peter Frampton (1950), Jack Nicholson (1937), Charlotte Rae (1926), Aaron Spelling (1928)
- 23 Valene Bertinelli (1960), David Birney (1939), Shirley Temple Black (1928), James Buchanan (1791), Sandra Dee (1947), Jan Hooks (1957), Lee Majors (1940), Alan Oppenheimer (1930), Duncan Renaldo (1904), William Shakespeare (1564), Warren Spahn (1921), Herve Villechaise (1943)
- 24 Jill Ireland (1936), Jack E. Leonard (1911), Studey MacLaine (1934), Barbara Streisand (1942)
- 25 Ella Fitzgerald (1918), Meadowlark Lemon (1932), Edward R. Murrow (1908), Al Pacino (1940)
- 26 Carol Burnett (1936), Mike Kellin (1922), Edgar Kennedy (1890), Sal Maglie (1917), Bobby Rydell (1942)
- 27 Judy Carne (1919), Sandy Derrus (1937), Slickee Easton (1959), Ulysses S. Grant (1822), Rogers Hornsby (1896), Jack Klugman (1922), Ferdinand Magellan (1480)
- 28 Ann-Margaret (1941), Lionel Barrymore (1878), Duane Eddy (1938), Jay Leno (1950), James Monroe (1758), Saddam Hussein (1937)
- 29 Lonnie Donegan (1931), Duke Ellington (1899), William Randolph Hearst (1863), Toruay James (1947), Rod McKuen (1933), Daniel Day Lewis (1957), Michelle Pfeiffer (1957), Jerry Seinfeld (1954), Carmie Wilson (1968)
- 30 Eve Arden (1912), Gary Collins (1938), Cloris Leachman (1930), Al Lewis (1923), Willie Nelson (1935), Bobby Vee (1943)



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Women's Health Campaign Launched

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tiatives aimed at letting people know that St. Luke's is alive, well and a vital part of the San Francisco medical community."

A television and radio campaign aimed primarily at the Hispanic Community (which is literally in St. Luke's backyard) was launched earlier this month and will continue through June. The campaign includes advertising on television stations 14 and 48 and radio stations KSOL and KIQI.

"We believe the St. Luke's Women's Center is an incredible community re-

source that more women should know about," explained St. Luke's Health Center Acting CEO Vince Oliver. "We currently provide a full menu of services for teens through senior citizens, including annual check-ups, pap smears, family planning, pregnancy testing and complete OB/GYN care."

The Women's Center was founded by a group of physicians in 1979 and purchased by St. Luke's three years ago when the physicians retired. Women's services are provided at three separate locations: 1650 Valencia Street, 1580 Valencia in the Montecito Medical Building on the St. Luke's Hospital campus, and in Noe Valley at 3700 24th Street.

"If someone walks into our clinic and has no money or insurance, one of our community health aides will work with them to help qualify them for Medi-Cal or one of many other programs offered," Oliver noted. "That includes the State Only Family Planning Program, which provides comprehensive family planning services to women."

"I believe we run a state-of-the-art Women's Center," said Oliver. "Our drive to serve women of all means is clearly part of St. Luke's mission, established in 1871 to provide first-class health care services to everyone regardless of their ability to pay."

St. Luke's, a non-profit community hospital, last year ended talks with potential merger or alliance partners when the Board of Directors determined the hospital could provide better service to the community by remaining independent.

**To Advertise in the Grapevine**

Display: Full Page: \$150; 1/2 Page: \$80; 1/4 Page: \$45; 1/8 Page: \$25; 1/12 Page: \$15

Want-Ads (Private Party): 20 words for \$1. Extra line 50 cents. Mail ad and payment by 20th of prior month to: Visitation Valley Grapevine, 50 Raymond Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134.

Curbside Oil Recycling Coming Soon

Thanks to a pilot program, many San Franciscans will soon have the convenience of having used motor oil picked up at their curb for recycling. On Mar 26, the California Integrated Waste Management Board selected the City and County of San Francisco to receive \$276,000 in grant funds to implement a curbside oil pick up program in many of the City's neighborhoods.

The program will begin in the southeast portion of the City in late 1998, providing service to residents of Bayview/Hunters Point, Bernal Heights, Crocker Amazon, the Excelsior, the Mission District, Portola, Potrero Hill and Visitation Valley.

"We're pleased to be able to offer our residents this service," said Paul Horcher, director of the San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program. "This service will be particularly valuable to residents in the southeast portion of the City, where there are a disproportionately low number of used oil

drop off sites. Many gas stations and auto supply stores have closed down in these neighborhoods, leaving residents without adequate service for oil recycling."

Dumping oil down the drain is a major source of oil pollution in harbors and waterways. The used oil from as few as 350 oil changes is enough to contaminate San Francisco's entire daily water supply.

VISITACION VALLEY COMMUNITY BEACON

**Free After School Youth Programs**  
Class Time: 3:15 to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday: Cooking and Sewing; Tutoring; Martial Arts; Swimming; Open Recreation.  
Tuesday: Tutoring; Dance; Open Recreation and Sports.  
Wednesday: Cooking and Sewing; Tutoring; Music Club; Martial Arts; Swimming; Open Recreation and Sports.  
Thursday: Tutoring; Dance; Tai Chi; Arts and Crafts; Open Recreation and Sports.  
Friday: Baking; Boy Scouts; Open Recreation.

**Adult and Family Programs**  
Monday through Thursday: ESL Class, 9 to 11:15 a.m.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays: Citizenship, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Computer, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**Additional Information**  
"Vocational ESL Class: Held at WVCC, 50 Raymond Ave. for limited English speakers interested in janitorial/custodial workplace English. Classes are Monday through Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Childwatch is available. This class can help students prepare for the janitorial program at City College."

"Are you interested in free Bilingual Citizenship Classes? Classes are co-sponsored by CARECEN and the Beacon and are held Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Teachers are bilingual in English/Spanish and English/Cantonese."

"Volunteers Needed: Parents are needed to join the Beacon, especially the Beacon Council which helps to plan the future of Beacon programs or to help with small projects, arts and crafts, and field trips."

"Saturday Soccer Clinics: with Real Options for City Kids (ROCK) for youth ages 8 to 13 will be coming soon."

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY**  
**QUARTERLY REPORT DATA**  
October - December, 1997

The City and County of San Francisco is the legal operator of the San Francisco Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Facility located at 501 Tunnell Avenue. Each quarter, the City publicizes information on the amount of paint and solvent emissions from the facility as well as other facility data shown below.

**Household Hazardous Waste Data**  
Days of Operation: Thursday - Saturday of Every Week (except holidays)  
Average Emissions: 1.5 pounds  
Highest Emissions: 3.4 pounds on October 30  
Number of Participants: 2,441 residents

**Small Business Drop-Off Days**  
Days of Operation: October 29, November 26, December 17  
Average Emissions: 7.8 pounds  
Highest Emissions: 8.9 pounds on November 19  
Number of Participants: 144 businesses

**General Facility Information:**  
Total amount of waste recycled or shipped out: 205,983 pounds  
Maximum amount stored: 4,993 gallons on December 3rd

The next Community/Neighborhood/City meeting is on April 22, 1998 at 7 p.m. at the Salvage Loom Company, 2401 Bayshore Blvd. Topic: Neighborhood Emergency Response Training. The public is welcome. Summaries of these quarterly meetings are published in the Visitation Valley Grapevine and S.F. Independent.

Submitted by Kelley Etherington, San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program, on March 31, 1998. Phone: (415) 554-1648.

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Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.  
Friday Cottage Bible Fellowship - 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday Choir Rehearsal - 10:00 a.m.

YOU are cordially welcome to join us for study, worship, fellowship and service. We seek to teach the Bible and to lift up Jesus Christ so He can draw all persons to Himself.

**COME TO CHURCH THIS WEEK**

**Visitation Valley Business Directory**

Visitation Valley businesses and organizations are listed here free. Call the Grapevine at 467-9300

A T & B. MARKET (produce, grocery), 2400 Bayshore Blvd., 586-4851  
ABLE'S CASA (boarding house), 850 Rutland St., 333-4664, fax 333-4693  
ANGEL COIFFURES (beautician), 5 Leland Ave., 239-9891  
ARMANDO'S SHOE REPAIR (Armando Rosignuolo), 156A Leland Ave., 239-7216  
BANK OF AMERICA, 6 Leland Ave., 622-4501  
BAYSHORE GAS & SERVICE (gas and mechanic), 2260 Bayshore Blvd., 467-6130  
BAYSHORE SERVICE (mechanic) 2596 Bayshore Blvd., 239-7450  
BAY SHORE VIDEO, 2418 Bayshore Blvd., 333-6288  
CHARLIE'S GARAGE (Charlie Awegh), 2550 Bayshore Blvd., 239-7450  
CHURCH OF THE VISITACION, 655 Sunnyside Ave., (239-7450)  
CITY NAILS (manicurist), 2435 Bayshore Blvd., 333-3865  
CITY WASH INTERNATIONAL, 83 Leland Ave., 333-9467  
CLIFF'S BARBECUE (barbecue, seafood), 2177 Bayshore Blvd.  
COIN WASH & DRY LAUNDRY, 186 Leland Ave.  
THE CLUB HOUSE, 25 Blanken Ave.  
WALTER CORBIN PHOTOGRAPHY, (freelance), 435 Sawyer St., 587-9471, fax 337-8620  
CDMET TOURS & TRAVEL, 168 Leland Ave., 333-2996  
CUNEO BAKERY, 96 Leland Ave., 239-6090  
CUPIO FLORIST, 36 Leland Ave., 585-7766  
OEMASI'S BARBER SHOP, 35 Leland Ave.  
OYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT (Consulting, Representation and Training Services; Marjorie "Ann" Williams) 130 Tioga St., 467-7608  
EARLY YEARS ACADEMY, 500 Raymond Ave., 333-1450  
E-Z STOP MARKET, 2203 Geneva Ave., 585-9240  
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER, 251 Schwerin St., 469-2120  
FIJIYANA MARKET, 400 Wilde St., 467-2034  
FIVE MILE MARKET, 3574 San Bruno Ave., 467-7300  
FDRTY-NINER CLEANERS (Oavid Chan), 81 Leland Ave., 239-6418  
G & L BAKERY AND RESTAURANT, 198 Leland Ave., 239-6283  
GAMMS TRAVEL SERVICE, 34 Leland Ave., 333-9282  
GIRLS AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMY, 1652 Sunnyside Ave., 584-4044  
GDIING FEDERAL (music, clothing), 170-B Leland Ave., 584-1103

HO'S DRAPERY COMPANY, 3550 San Bruno Ave., 468-4053  
HONG YUN RESTAURANT (Vietnamese), 73 Leland Ave., 469-5686  
JOHN KING SENIOR CENTER, 590 Leland Ave., 239-6233  
KARATE U.S.A., 38 Leland Ave., 469-9886  
KOREAN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 333 Tunnel Ave., 468-1213  
KWOK HONG CHINESE HERBS, 57 Leland Ave., 585-8751  
LELANO AVENUE DRY CLEANING, 151 Leland Ave., 586-1412  
LELANO HOUSE, 141 Leland Ave., 405-2000  
LELAND LAUNDRY WORLD, 44 Leland Ave.  
LITTLE OUIAPO BAKE SHOP, 169 Leland Ave., 239-2253  
LITTLE VILLAGE MARKET, 1450 Sunnyside Ave., 586-1815  
LUAN FAT BAKERY, 110 Leland Ave., 585-1167  
MAY MAY BEAUTY SALON, 60 Leland Ave., 337-9381  
M & M SHORTSTOP (grocery), 2145 Geneva Ave., 585-0878  
McCALL'S HAIR STYLING, 3585 San Bruno Ave., 467-7319  
MIZ RENA'S SALON, 19 Blanken Ave., 467-3399  
M-3 LOCKSMITH, 200 Leland Ave., 587-8403  
NAILS BY JENNY (manicunst), 50 Leland Ave., 333-6800  
NATIONWIDE PAPER COMPANY, 345 Schwerin St., 586-9160  
A NEW START HAIR STUDIO (Joyce Hollins), 224 Leland Ave., 584-3077  
OLIVIA'S PLACE (tavern), 2600 Bayshore Blvd., 239-7711  
PACIFIC FISH & POULTRY, 2155 Bayshore Blvd., 468-6800  
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SHIREL'S SOUL FOOD, 107 Leland Ave., 239-5141  
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SILVESTRI GAROEN ORNAMENTS, 2635 Bayshore Blvd., 239-5990  
SIN FUNG VIDEO, 144 Leland Ave., 586-1038  
SMITH'S SIGNS, 153 Leland Ave., 333-2700  
SMITTY'S MARKET, 2610 Bayshore Blvd., 239-5506  
TAMMIE'S HAIR OESIGN, 3564 San Bruno Ave., 330-9635  
TAUTUA MO OE (Samoan grocery, gifts, fabric), 15 Leland Ave., 585-0509  
T.W. AUTOMOTIVE (mechanic), 2500 Bayshore Blvd., 585-8281  
TATE ELECTRIC (Joel Tate, electrical contractor), 467-4657  
TEOOY'S MARKET, 298 Teddy Ave.  
3-N-1 LEARNING ACADEMY, 240 Leland Ave., 584-8555  
THRIFT FLOOGE, 2011 Bayshore Blvd., 467-8811  
TUNTEX U.S.A. (developer), 150 Executive Park Blvd., 468-6676  
TWO JACK'S RESTAURANT (seafood and burgers), 167 Leland Ave., 337-0433  
VALLEY AUTO & TRUCK SUPPLY (Bill Conte), 2520 Bayshore Blvd., 239-5880  
VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, 305 Raymond Ave., 467-6055  
VALLEY LAUNDRY, 90 Leland Ave.  
VALLEY SUPER MARKET, 65 Leland Ave., 239-7520  
THE VILLAGE (community center), 333 Schwerin St., 239-5045  
VISITACION CATHOLICAL CENTER, 796 Sunnyside Ave., 239-6723  
VISITACION CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH, 8 Desmond St., 333-4503  
VISITACION STATION U.S.P.O., 68 Leland Ave., 239-7520  
VISITACION VALLEY COMMUNITY BEACON CENTER, 450 Raymond Ave., 452-4907  
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VISITACION VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD CLINIC, 82 Leland Ave., 584-7386  
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## USF to Host Computer-Ed High Tech Summer Camp

When Computer-Ed High Tech Camp began in Boston in 1982, the idea of replacing the traditional camp icons of tents and bug juice with computers and web pages seemed a little odd. However, computer camp has become one of the coolest ways to spend the summer.

Today's kids are spending their free time exploring the World Wide Web, experimenting with programming languages and playing networked games with friends on the other side of the world.

Computer-Ed High Tech Camp offers a computer savvy generation of 8-17 year olds cutting-edge classes combined with sports clinics, art work-

shops, recreation time and weekend and evening trips.

Computer-Ed encourages pulling apart technology in classes like *Build and Repair a PC*, in which campers take apart computers, figure out how each microchip, coil and cable contributes to the computers' functioning.

Hosted locally by the University of San Francisco (USF), Computer-Ed is both a day and residential camp. An extended day option is also available. Meals are provided by the USF cafeteria, while residential campers live in the USF dormitories. Campers and staff have come from all over the country and the world to experience a computer filled summer, including Ja-

maica, Hong Kong, United Arab Emirates, Hungary, Brazil and many Western European countries.

But this residential camp is not limited to kids from outside the Bay Area. Many San Francisco residents choose to live on campus because of the fun dormitory atmosphere, weekend trips, evening lab time, and to experience "living away from home."

A diverse, accommodating Computer-Ed staff includes teachers, college students, Internet experts, athletes, artists, former campers, and business professionals.

There will be two sessions this summer, the first from June 28 to July 10, and the second from July 12-24.

Campers can choose to attend either or both sessions.

New this year is Web Broadcasting—a brand new technology where camper-written radio shows will be transmitted over the Internet. Of course, Web Publishing remains popular, as many campers want to learn the skills that will enable them to be part of the high-demand web site design field.

For those with an artistic side, campers can compose pieces in Computer Music, or create a gallery of artwork, digital photographs and animations in Computer Art and Graphics, Image Processing and 3-D Modeling.

Because Computer-Ed is a "high-tech" camp, classes go beyond PCs. You'll find camper-built Radio Controlled Cars zipping around the sidewalks and homemade rockets soaring

overhead. A Legotechnics class teaches engineering by dropping eggs out windows, while the Electronics class cooks hot dogs with a battery.

All major programming languages are taught, including Basic, Pascal, C, C++, HTML and Java.

In addition to having fun with new technology and new friends, campers can learn skills that eventually put them on the brink of the exploding computer job market. Many high school students find these classes give them an edge in applying to competitive colleges, with an added advantage once they arrive.

For information, call 1-888-2COMPED or e-mail [camp@computered.com](mailto:camp@computered.com). San Francisco site director, Elissa Bradley, can be reached for inquiries of any sort, day or evening, at (415) 522-1848.

### Grapevine on the Net

Nearly a year of the Visitacion Valley Grapevine can be found on the Internet with neighborhood history, Task Force news and local business listings at <http://home.earthlink.net/~visvalley>. E-mail the Grapevine anytime at [visvalley@earthlink.net](mailto:visvalley@earthlink.net).

### Recipe of the Month

#### CHOW MEIN CASSEROLE

1 pound hamburger; 3/4 cup celery, chopped; 3/4 cup onion, chopped; 1 1/4 cup hot water; 1/2 cup uncooked rice; 1/2 tsp salt; 1 can chicken and rice soup; 4 oz mushrooms; 1 tbsp brown sugar; 2 tsp soy sauce; 1 tsp butter or margarine; 1 1/2 cup chow mein noodles.

Cook and stir hamburger, celery and onion until hamburger is light brown, then drain. Pour water on rice and add salt in greased 2 qt. casserole. Stir in hamburger, soup, mushrooms, sugar, soy sauce and margarine. Cover and cook in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes; stir. Cook uncovered for 30 minutes longer. Stir in noodles, serve immediately.

Note: Water chestnuts or bamboo shoots may be added if desired.

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